The famine was very great in the land of Canaan, and it didn't take long for Jacob's family to use up all the grain that the brothers had brought back from Egypt. Their father came to them and said, "Go back to Egypt and buy us some food."

Then Judah said to his father, "The governor of Egypt solemnly told us, that unless we bring our brother Benjamin, we will not even be able to see him. If you will let Benjamin go with us, we will go and buy food. But if you will not let him go, we will not go to Egypt, for the governor meant what he said."

Then Jacob, who is called Israel answered, "Why have you treated me like this? Why did you tell the man that you had another brother?"

The brothers answered that the governor had specifically asked them all about their family. He had asked if their father was still living and if they had another brother. They said, "We had to tell him the truth!"

Judah said to his father, "Send the lad with me and we will go, so that we all can live and not starve to death, both us and our families."

Finally Jacob consented to let Benjamin go with them. He told them to take along some of the best things that the land offered as a present to the governor, little balm, and a little honey, spices, and myrrh, nuts and almonds. Jacob also told them to take double money, as well as the money that they had all found in their sacks. Then he said, "Take your brother Benjamin and go. May God Almighty give you mercy from the man so that he will also send your brother Simeon home to me, as well as Benjamin. If I loose my children, I loose them."

So the brothers did as their father told them, they set off for Egypt to buy food.

When they arrived at the governor's court, Joseph saw them, and he saw his brother Benjamin with them. He told his servants to bring them to his home for a meal.

When the brothers heard that they were to go to Joseph's home, they were terribly frightened. They thought it was because of the money that they had found in their bags on their return home, that they were brought to the governor's private home. They approached Joseph's steward and said, "Oh sir, when we came the first time, it was to buy food. On our return home, we stopped at and inn. When we opened our grain bags to feed our animals, we found that the money that we had paid for the grain, was in our grain sacks. We have brought it all back again to pay you."

The steward said, "Don't be worried! Your God, and the God of your father, has given you treasure in your sacks. I had your money." Then he brought their brother Simeon to join them. The steward brought all Joseph's brothers to his home, and gave them water to wash their feet. He also fed their animals. Then he brothers got themselves ready to meet the governor who was to arrive at noon.

When Joseph came in, the brothers all bowed to Joseph and presented the gifts that they had brought for him. Joseph asked them how they were, and if their father was



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- 3. Paste in appropriate spot on scene
- 4. Gold glitter Losephi ring and arm band.



